

**Executive Committee for Highway Safety
Lane Departure Working Group
Meeting Minutes – Mtg. #3
September 29, 2004**

Location:

Transportation Management Center Conference Room @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Steve Varnedoe	Brad Hibbs	Roger Thomas	Charlie Zegeer
Bucky Galloway	Terry Hopkins	Cliff Braam	

Scribe:

Cliff Braam

Minutes:

- The meeting began at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Task I – General Discussion

There was a lot of discussion about the group's past activities and the draft strategies that have been put together so far. Below are some of the more prominent items discussed.

Strategy Format

Cliff informed the group that the Executive Committee had changed the way in which strategies would be presented in the future. Previously, the working groups had been developing strategies and putting just enough information in them to allow the Executive Committee to make a well informed decision as to whether or not to move forward with the strategy.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided that the working groups would be responsible for prioritizing their strategies and then fully developing the strategy (with all necessary details) prior to it being presented to the committee.

Once the Executive Committee reviews and approves the strategy, the strategy will be sent to the "host" agency that will be responsible for seeing that it is implemented. The Executive Committee and the working groups will provide support as needed to help the host agency implement the strategy. The host agency will be the agency that would normally be responsible for the strategy, based upon its content. For example, for a strategy dealing with the implementation of rumble strips, the Department of Transportation will be the host agency.

The Executive Committee has also asked that each work group present one and no more than two strategies for consideration at each committee meeting.

DOT Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

It was noted that the ECHS has asked the group for an overview of the DOT LRTP. Steve mentioned that Laura Cove would be a good choice to ask to give this overview to the ECHS at the October 20 meeting with an emphasis on how the plan will address modernizing our system and its deficiencies.

New Working Group Member

It was mentioned that the group should extend an invitation to Laura Cove, of DOT's Transportation Planning Branch to join this working group due to her expertise and experience in several different key areas.

Future Strategy

It was discussed that a good future strategy or at least initiative would be for this group would be to examine sources of funding and where the funds are actually being spent. Two things needing to be reviewed; 1) are the potential sources of funding that may be available to help implement the strategies being developed by the working groups and 2) Is the need driving the expenditures; i.e. are we spending the money wisely and getting the most out of it?

Task II – Review of Strategies/Develop Top Two

Next the group examined the draft strategies that have been developed to date and not yet presented to the ECHS to determine which ones needed to be developed and sent to the ECHS at the next meeting. The remaining strategies are:

- Review, Improve and Implement the Driver's Education Component that discusses Run-Off-Road and Lane Departure Crashes
- Provide Guidance Information to Drivers for Maneuvering Through HORIZONTAL CURVES to Decrease the Likelihood of Lane Departure Crashes
- Provide Roadway Geometric Enhancements

After a lot of discussion about these strategies, the group decided that the strategy of "Provide Roadway Geometric Enhancements" would be the top priority. The rest of the meeting was spent developing the strategy. The group did not get through the entire strategy and therefore, Cliff will revise the existing strategy with the group's comments and send it out for the group to finish making comments. These will be sent back to Cliff and he will compile them into one document.

It was also decided that the group would make the recommendation to the ECHS that the ECHS support DOT's Long Range Transportation Plan.

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Action Items:

Name	Item
Braam	Contact Laura Cove about presenting the DOT LRTP at the next ECHS meeting.
Braam	Contact Laura Cove about joining the Lane Departure working group.
Group	Add comments to the draft version of the “Provide Roadway Geometric Enhancements” strategy and return to Cliff by the noted deadline.
Roger	Will check with the GIS unit to about mapping and how current the mapping is in regards to use by the group.
Steve	Present the group’s recommendation and strategy at the next ECHS meeting on October 20, 2004.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2004 from 10:00 – 12:00
 Transportation Management Center Conference Room